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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE ON AFRICA: SEPT 22

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1. SUMMARY. LEAD FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARTICLE IN SEPT 22  
IZVESTIYA CONTINUES SOVIET CRITICISM OF SECRETARY'S  
DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ALTHOUGH EMBASSY SEES A SLIGHT  
MODERATION IN TONE BASED ON COMPARISON WITH MEDIA MATERIAL  
OF TWO WEEKS AGO. SEPT 22 PRAVDA CARRIES ANC LEADER'S  
REMARK CALLING FOR "CHANGES" IN STRUCTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN  
GOVERNMENT.

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2. SEPT 21, PAGE ONE, IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMEN-

TARY" BY SENIOR COLUMNIST VLADIMIR KUDRYAVTSEV EXPRESSES CONTINUED SOVIET PUBLIC CRITICISM OF SECRETARY'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. KUDRYAVTSEV EMPLOYS HIS USUAL SARCASM TO INDICT U.S. EFFORTS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN VARIOUS SIDES "FROM THE POSITION OF THE RACIST REGIMES," AND CONCLUDES THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT U.S. POLICY WILL BEAR DIVIDENDS IN TODAY'S AFRICA.

3. KUDRYAVTSEV'S TONE SEEMS TO US SOMEWHAT CHASTENED IN COMPARISON WITH TONE OF HIS WRITING A FORTNIGHT AGO ON U.S. POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (REFTEL), BUT CERTAIN NASTY ELEMENTS ARE STILL PRESENT, I.E., EXPLICIT LINKAGE BETWEEN PRESENT ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY AND PREVIOUS ME ROUND "WHICH LED TO BLOODY EVENTS IN LEBANON" AND TO ATTEMPT TO DESTROY PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

4. NEW ELEMENTS IN CRITICISM IS REPETITION OF AFP CHARGE THAT SECRETARY HAS AUTHORITY TO GRANT CREDITS ON THE SPOT TO THOSE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO DISPLAY THEIR "COMPLAISANCE" (POKLADISTOST). KUDRYAVTSEV TIES THIS IDEA IN WITH LOCKHEED SCANDAL--A NICE ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA POINT, BUT ONE PERHAPS NOT LIKELY TO IMPRESS BLACK LEADERS OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

5. SEPT 22 PRAVDA CARRIES SHORT TASS DAR ES SALAAM ITEM WHICH CITES ANC SECRETARY GENERAL ALFRED NZO TO EFFECT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS HAVE DECLARED THEIR READINESS TO STRUGGLE FOR "CHANGES IN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES" ON BASIS OF ANC PROGRAM.

6. SEPT 22 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA HAS TASS DAKAR ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT YU. FEDUTINOV ON NATO TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA. ARTICLE, BASED PRIMARILY ON THIRD HAND PRESS MATERIAL, LACKS FOCUS, DOES NOT MENTION U.S. SPECIFICALLY.

7. WEEKLY LITERATURNAYA GAZETA SIGNED TO PRESS SEPT 22 HAD ABRIDGED ARTICLE FROM "JEUNE AFRIQUE" ON USE OF SYSTEM OF "MENTAL INSTITUTIONS" IN AFRICA TO EXPLOIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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